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SOURCE

The following information has been furnished by source on Faria Elena Torres, an active Communist propagandist in Mexico City:

- 1. Subject was born in Fexico City in 1915 of a middle class family. She received her education in Mexico City, including a higher course in a normal school. She joined the Communist Party of Mexico at an unspecified date and worked closely with Teresa Pomar and Esperanza Jimenez under the general supervision of Valentin Campa. Although she was very active within the Party and her loyalty appeared unquestionable, she was excelled in April 1943 because Dionicio Encina, who at that time succeeded to the party leadership, suspected her of being a partisan of Campa. At this time subject's husband, Luis Torres Ordonez, was also expelled from the Party.
- 2. In spite of the fact that she had been expelled from the Farty, subject was able to take employment at the Universidad Chrera in 1944 under the sponsorship of Victor F. Villasenor. At this time she also worked closely with Luz Diaz in disseminating propaganda prepared by the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. In 1944 she also became one of the founders of the Grupo el Insurgente under the leadership of Leopoldo Mendez, and in 1945 she became a member of the staff of the Universidad Chrera, at the same time severing her former connections with the Instituto de Intercambio Cultural Mexico-Ruso. Nevertheless she continued to be very friendly with Villasenor and as recently as 1946 was in charge of the Russian pavilion at the book fair.
- 3. In 1950 Lombardo Toledano put her in charge of Spanish Language classes at the Universidad Chrera, and in 1948 she had already received from him an administrative position in the institution.
- 4. Subject is considered to be a rabid Communist completely loyal to Iombardo and to the Soviet Union. Her physical description is as follows:

Height: 1.50 meters Complexion: Dark Features: Heavy Eyes: Dark brown Nose: Broad Uair: Black

Residence: Hidalgo 13, Xochimilco, D.F.

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Comment: The only previous reference to subject indicates that she served as a delegate of the Federal District to the National Assembly of the Fartido Popular in June 1948.

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